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### Federal District Judge Denies Latest Legal Challenge to the ICC

by Thomas X. White

In a 106-page opinion issued on November 8, Federal District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. found in favor of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), allowing those agencies to proceed with the construction of the 18-mile Intercounty Connector (ICC). The ICC is planned as an east-west toll highway linking I-270 in the vicinity of the Shady Grove Metro Station in Montgomery County to I-95/U.S. 1 in the vicinity of Muirkirk Road in Prince George's County.

Williams denied the motions of plaintiffs, Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., et al., and Environmental Defense, et al., presented in two separate suits brought by those organizations claiming that the FHWA and MDOT and other defendants did not adequately discharge their statutory duties

when considering and making their decisions relating to the ICC. Following two hearings in October at the Federal District Court in Greenbelt, he granted the defendant's motions for summary judgment against the claims brought by the plaintiffs. The lengthy opinion issued on November 8 provided a detailed rationale for the court's decision, concluding " It is the court's view that the plaintiffs have not demonstrated that the defendants' actions were arbitrary or capricious in their decision to approve funding and construction of the ICC. Nor, in light of the record, is the court convinced that defendants have violated the spirit, intent and integrity of [federal law]. On the contrary, the court believes that the defendants have complied with the statutory and regulatory requirements and cannot conclude that defendants' approval of the ICC was outside the bounds of reasoned decisionmaking, especially considering the extensive record and the agencies' level of technical expertise and experience. Although defendants' actions, in some instances, may have not been a paragon of perfection, the court, nonetheless, cannot find anything that rises to the level of a meaningful violation. For all these reasons, the court concludes that there is no legal or equitable basis to prevent the Inter-County Connector from moving forward."

#### History

The opinion provided a brief history of the proposed ICC, noting that the concept of the roadway, originally part of a proposed "Outer-Beltway," for the metropolitan Washington region somehow survived as an eastwest connector between the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County

See ICC RULING, page 5

### Town Hall Meeting in Greenbelt Highlights Global Warming Issue

by Brian St. George

Greenbelt's town hall meeting on Wednesday night, November 7 at Greenbelt Elementary School brought in a crowd of 200, including scientists from both the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Also present were state and local representatives, lobbyists and representatives from various environmental groups. All were there to discuss what pollution reduction target should be set for Maryland in order to maintain the state's coastline, farms and

economy as well as to nudge the federal government to take action on environmental degradation and global warming.

Through the efforts of groups like the Alliance for Global Solutions, Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) and hundreds of other citizen groups, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley had developed a commission on climate change. The commission is expected to make recommendations this month on target pollution reductions for Maryland, which may become law if the legislature approves.

Several town hall meetings have already taken place across Maryland to support and promote reasonable and appropriate emissions targets, based on information from scientific experts in the field of climatology, as well as input from citizens and activists.

According to Amy Sanders of the Sierra Club and Holly Morgan of CCAN, the Greenbelt town hall drew larger numbers than those present at earlier meetings in College Park or Annapolis.

After brief introductions

See **MEETING**, page 8



Atmospheric scientist Chris Barnet presents information on global warming at the town hall meeting November 7.

### American Education Week November 11 to 17, 2007

In a celebration of American education these columns will continue to tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that service the Greenbelt community. In past weeks Greenbelt Elementary School and St. Hugh's School teachers were featured; this week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle School.

In coming weeks there will be stories from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools.

### Math Is Taught by Harris Both on and off the Field

byAmy S. Hansen



**Robert Harris** 

Robert Harris teaches seventh- and eighth-grade math at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). This year a ninth-grader stopped him as he visited Roosevelt High School. "I don't know if I like you or hate you, Mr. Harris," the student said smiling. "After your class, geometry is easy."

Last year 45 kids were advanced enough to take algebra in eighth grade. At the end of the year 43 of them passed the HSA exam - an exam usually given to high schoolers.

This year, instead of 45 algebra

See HARRIS, page 6

## 2007 Festival of Lights

Greenbelt's Festival of Lights is a month-long, community-wide celebration of holiday events. People of all backgrounds, customs and traditions are invited to participate in these special activities, celebrating with family, friends and neighbors.

Festival activities take place between November 30 and December 31 culminating with Greenbelt New Year, a familyfriendly community celebration held December 31.

The Greenbelt Girl Scouts will open the festivities with a campfire and sing-a-long starting at 6:15 at the Skatepark Plaza. The New Year theme "Carnival in Venice" promises to provide plenty of creative inspiration and fun for all beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Tickets for Greenbelt New Year go on sale December 1 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt See FESTIVAL, page 4

Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermar-

Other Festival highlights include the Holiday Tree Lighting, North Pole Calling and more. Read on and for even more information visit www.greenbeltmd. gov after Thanksgiving and see the ads in this and future issues of the News Review.

The holiday tree lighting will open the Festival of Lights on Friday, November 30 at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Center. Music will be provided by the Pearls (doo-wop) of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir.

#### Weekend Events

The Wright Stuff, an annual 5K run/walk event, will be held early Saturday, December

#### What Goes On

Monday, November 26

**8 p.m.**, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, November 28

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession with Gate Board, Community Center, **GATE Studio** 

Friday, November 30

**7 p.m.,** Holiday Tree Lighting and Opening Ceremony of Festival of Lights, Front Lawn of Community Center

Saturday, December 1

8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Greenbelt American Legion Post #136

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

### Letters to the Editor



Haley Hilliard and Dad dance away the end of 2006.

#### Welcome the Fun at New Year 2008

community in Greenbelt. As I strolled through the halls of the Community Center the other day the conversation I had with Chris Cherry reminded me that this will be the first Greenbelt New Year (GNY) that I'll miss since 1997. Even though I'll be at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon I'll miss the grand old time that I've spent bringing in past New Years. Year 2000 was the biggest, last year was great.

A few years ago I felt the potential of GNY to unite the generations when I volunteered for the Crazy Hair Salon and was invited into a little improv activity that was started by some teens and early 20-somethings in the Youth Center. I reflected on how great it was to have these young people coming back to be part of the community they grew up in, sharing their new found

Happy Thanksgiving to my experiences and talents and mixing and mingling on this common ground.

> I am on record in the Greenbelt News Review for comparing folks gathering for meteor showers at Northway Field to Woodstock, so why should I turn back now? Woodstock needed a draw, which was its music but it became a spiritual gathering place for another generation. I don't use Facebook or MySpace so I can't spread the word, however you can enjoy a parent-friendly (drug and alcohol free) New Year's Eve by just going. You can share the goodwill it will create by just coming and enjoying and maybe sharing a moment

> Greenbelt New Year 2008 can be taken over by Gen200X . . . it's up to you to carry the torch. Seize the Night – Carpe Noctem.

> > Larry Hilliard

#### Menu for Senior **Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, November 26 through Friday, November 30 include:

Monday - Cream of celery soup with crackers, BBQ shredded chicken on a bun, broccoli slaw, baked beans, sliced peaches and pears.

Tuesday - Orange juice, Polish sausage on bun with sauerkraut, warm German potato salad, mixed greens, sliced gin-

Wednesday - Grape juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, orange sections.

Thursday – Cran-apple juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, black beans, chopped kale, canned peaches.

Friday - Minestrone soup with crackers, turkey/potato casserole, mixed vegetables, garden salad with dressing, brownie.

#### Another Coyote Seen

There has been another coyote sighting! Saturday morning I happened to glance out of my kitchen window when I saw a coyote loping across the grassy area across from the 73 Court Ridge Road playground. I called to my husband and we both watched as it trotted down to the BARC fence, where it found something to munch on.

This was a sandy colored coyote with a narrow face. It had some black on the tip of its long thin tail which hung down.

We went outside to point it out to people walking by and it immediately disappeared behind the shrubbery in front of the fence.

A year ago I thought I had seen two coyotes frolicking by Beaver Dam Creek but I was not sure and could not believe they were coyotes and so decided they were gray foxes. This time I know what we saw definitely was a coyote.

Alice C. Murray

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 16 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

drive is Friday, February 22 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment if you have not been contacted by the Red Cross. Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments.

> Janet Goldberg, Recreation Coordinator

### **How to Create**

Now there are affordable. durable and rich-looking flooring options made from grasses and trees that mature in roughly half the time that it takes hardwoods to reach market size. Bamboo, cork and eucalyptus flooring products are sustainable alternatives to traditional hard-

**Building Council** 

#### Co. Students Perform At Kennedy Center

For the 32nd consecutive year, Prince George's County public school students will have the opportunity to play at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall in Washington, D.C.

On Sunday, November 25 chorale music students in grades five through 12 and instrumental music students in grades nine through 12 will come together and play in the annual Edward M. Felegy Kennedy Center Concert. Music students from more than 100 schools will participate in this culminating event of the Music Enrichment Program in Prince George's County Public Schools.

For more information call Kathy Rodeffer at 301-333-0963. For tickets call the Kennedy Center box office at 202-467-4600 or TicketMaster.

#### At the Library

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, November 27, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 28, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, November 29, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's

#### *THANKS*

The next scheduled blood

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U.S. Green

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### **Community Events**

#### **PGRC Wright Stuff** 5K Run and Walk

On Saturday, December 1 at 8 a.m. the Prince George's Running Club (PGRC) will host the Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5K Fun Run and Walk for the fifth year. The race commemorates the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers and raises money for American Heart Association, Holy Cross Hospice Care and Greenbelt's St. Hugh Knights of Columbus.

The course starts near the Greenbelt Youth Center and runs twice around the lake, finishing near the Youth Center.

Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center multipurpose room. The first 100 registrants receive longsleeved T-shirts and post race refreshments. Certificates will be given to the top three finishers in each age group. All runners will be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes.

For an entry form, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Austin Conaty, 8150 Lakecrest Drive, #710, Greenbelt, MD

Call 301-982-9246 or visit the website www.pgrc.org for more information; download a PDF registration form or link for online registration through active.

Now in its 23rd year, the Prince George's Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, training and fun runs in Prince George's County.

#### Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald You won't be reading this til after Thanksgiving but I hope everyone had a good holiday.

Here in Greenbelt we have so much to be thankful for - many senior activities, GIVES and CARES, Christal Batey who coordinates services for seniors such as financial advice, in-home care and many others - our own Karen Haseley who does so much for seniors with trips, special events and others. The Golden Age Club offers speakers, games and birthday pot luck lunches.

The birthday pot luck will be on November 28. There will be no meeting on December 26. The regular business meeting is on January 2. The new slate of officers will be installed in January.

#### **State Funds Canning** Terrace Playground

Last week the Governor's Office announced Board of Public Works funding for 12 local park and recreation areas and preservation of 1,299 acres of agricultural and forest land in 16 counties, including \$51,387 for Greenbelt's Canning Terrace playground. Upgrades will be 75 percent funded from Program Open Space localside funds. The Board includes the governor, state treasurer and comptroller.

Greenbelt Assistant Director of Planning Terri Hruby said, "The City of Greenbelt appreciates the Governor's support for state investment through Program Open Space in community park projects. The availability of Program Open Space funding is critical to the city's ability to equip and maintain its 36 community playgrounds, as well as other vital recreation facilities including the preservation of more than 500 acres of parkland."

#### Improvements Begin Teen Advisory Board On Greenbelt Road

Work is beginning on the \$1.7 million project by the State Highway Administration (SHA) to resurface and improve Rt. 193 (Greenbelt Road) at Hanover Parkway. SHA will also extend the left turn lane by 100 feet and widen Greenbelt Road in order to construct a second turn lane at Hanover Parkway. Weather permitting, the project will be complete in summer 2008.

#### **Coming Music Events** At the New Deal Café

by Bill Muney

On Thursday, November 22 the New Deal Café will be closed for Thanksgiving.

On Friday, November 23 from 8 to 10:30 p.m., singer and songwriter Joe Pug of Chicago will play. Pug, originally from Maryland, spent a few collegiate years in North Carolina. He currently lives in Chicago, where he works as a carpenter by day and a songwriter by night.

According to a review in the Illinois Entertainer he is "earnest, touching and world-weary far beyond his mere 22 years. Pug often recalls early Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan on his selfreleased simply titled 'Five Music Songs.' From heartbreaking ballads like 'In The Meantime' to the fable-like 'Motel 6 Blues' to the obligatory protest number 'I Do My Father's Drugs,' Pug exhibits a thoughtfulness and social consciousness that's rare in singer-songwriters more than twice his age and a talent that's even rarer.'

On Saturday, November 24 from 8 to 10:30 p.m., "The Druthers" will offer adventures in acoustic music. This folk quartet blends classic folk tunes with new songs. "The Druthers," seasoned performers in various areas, are an acoustic (primarily) roots/Americana/folk rock band in the Washington, D.C., area.

On Sunday, November 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jim Stimson will play the lute for brunch. In the evening there will be an Irish music jam from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit the café webpage at www.newdealcafe.com.

### Forming at Library

A Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) is a group of teens who are interested in making a difference in their library. They volunteer to work together to make the library a better place for teens by putting together programs, talking about books, music and movies or suggesting what they would like to see on the shelves, for example.

Teens can join T.A.B. if they are 13 to 18 years old, are able to attend regular meetings, believe the library can be a cool place and want to show people how. Reasons for joining include free food, meeting new friends, suggesting books, magazines, CDs and movies for the library, becoming involved in the community (and earn service hours) and because it's fun.

To apply teens should contact their local branch for an application form, fill it out and return it to any branch information desk.

#### **Thanksgiving Woods** Hike on Saturday

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve is currently aglow with autumn's finest colors. Come along for a one-hour sunset woods hike on Saturday, November 24 at 4:30 p.m. Meet at Northway extended off Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt and wear boots or old

For information call Paul Downs at 301-474-6708 or Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

#### City Warns Against **Private Encroachment**

The city has informed all homeowner associations by letter that effective September 24, 2007, the Greenbelt City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting homeowners from making improvements to their property (i.e., fences, sheds, landscaping, etc.) that extend onto city property. Any property owner found in violation of this policy will be required to remove the encroachment and restore the area to its original condition at his or her expense.

For existing encroachments the policy affords property owners the opportunity to work with the city's Community Development staff on determining an acceptable time period for removal of the encroachment, preferably within 30 to 90 days. Any encroachment found to be hazardous to the public's health, safety and general welfare will be required to be removed immediately at the homeowner's expense.

Landscaping encroachments which are determined by the city to be serving an environment benefit, however, will be permitted to continue.

#### **Postal Services Available**

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### lunch/snack. This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is

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113 Centerway - Roosevelt Center 301-474-5641 www.newdealcafe.com

Don't forget the 2nd Annual Art Auction from 7-9, Sunday December 2nd, also to benefit the New Deal through FONDCA.

#### Congratulations to

- Congressman Steny H. Hover, who was one of four 2007 "Friends of Maryland Education" honored during American Education Week by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Citi Foundation for his leadership on education issues and his commitment to Maryland's schools and children. He accepted the award as a tribute to the legacy of his wife Judy, a teacher who devoted her life to schools and children. In addition, Hoyer was honored by Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region with a "Living Legend" award for his work on behalf of the Anacostia River, in a ceremony on Kingman Island after the Anacostia River Fall Cleanup.

- 2007 ERHS graduate Marine Corps Pfc. Antonio J. Holbert who joined the Corps in June 2007 and recently completed the Enlisted Warehouse Basic course at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

#### **Mowatt Memorial** Offers Free Camp

by Betty Kolbe

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church is offering a free camp for children in grades 1 to 6 to be held on Saturdays. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each child should bring a lunch and have eaten breakfast before arriving. The first session starts on December 1.

This camp will be an exciting time for children with fun activities to involve them in reading, math and science. Each day will also include time in Mowatt's computer lab.

For more information call Betty at 301-577-4673 or by email at ruthcircle@greenbeltumc.org.



Catnolic **Community** of Greenbelt **MASS** 

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

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1. Also on Saturday, a pancake and sausage breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. with Santa in attendance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. This event is hosted by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Legion.

The annual Juried Art and Craft Fair will be held in the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. The event includes a craft workshop in addition to sale of many craft items made by Greenbelters.

On Sunday, December 2 the December Artful Afternoon in the Community Center will include wreath making from 1 to 3 p.m. Artists-in-residence host Studio Open House in the afternoon and Alexandria Kleztet will perform in the multi-purpose room at 3 p.m. Also on Sunday, December 2 the New Deal Café will host an art auction from 7 to 9 p.m.

#### **Other Events**

As the month progresses, the City of Greenbelt and many local groups host special holiday events for the public.

Spaghetti dinner will be served for a fee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday December 9, followed by a free concert by the Greenbelt Combined Choir and open to all.

December 11 through 13, the Greenbelt Recreation Department hosts North Pole Calling, a special call to young children who enjoy a chat from Santa. Calls are free and made by request only. Register at the Youth Center or at www. greenbeltmd.gov. The Recreation Department also hosts a visit from Santa at the Youth Center on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, December 16 beginning at 3 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band will present a free concert of seasonal favorites in the Community Center Gym.

Greenbriar hosts the Greenbelt-East Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 9 at 6 p.m. This event is free, open to all. Hot chocolate and carols will be offered as the tree is lighted.

- Kathie Jarva

#### **Students Present Original Music**

University of Maryland School of Music will present a concert of original works by student composers on Wednesday, November 28 at 8 p.m. The free program will feature solo, chamber and electroacoustic performances and take place in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

#### **Chamber Jazz Recital** Performed by U.M.

Enjoy a Chamber Jazz Recital, a showcase of student jazz combos on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. Chris Vadala will direct the program presented by the U.M. School of Music at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.



#### Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

**Sunday School** Sunday 9:45 am **Worship Service** Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

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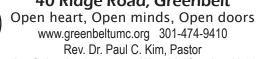
Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass

9:00 am Christian education for all ages 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk

music, ASL interpreted Signed Mass (last Sunday of each

month only) Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

#### **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

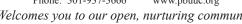


Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Come as you are!

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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### ICC RULING continued from page 1

and the I-95 corridor in Prince George's County. Over the past half century there has been extensive public debate and two failed previous federal environmental studies in 1983 and 1997.

In 2003 then-governor Robert Ehrlich resurrected the proposed ICC and was able to get the project selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation as one of the first nationwide proposals to be monitored by a newly-created federal task force designed to monitor selected priority projects to promote efficient interagency coordination and improved environmental decision-making. The state utilized this task force and a fast track approach to re-consider the concerns previously raised by the 21 federal, state and local transportation, environmental and planning agencies responsible for project review.

This process culminated in the 2006 Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision that selected a modified corridor I as the route for the ICC project.

#### Challenges

In their lawsuits challenging both the process and the decision-making by the defendants, the plaintiffs argued that the approval of the ICC is inadequate, constituting violations under National Environmental Act, Clean Water Act and other federal laws. Williams discussed those alleged violations and, in his analysis, found in favor of the defendants.

Williams' opinion was based on a standard of review that gave high deference to the expertise and decision-making authority of the agencies. "The Court's role is only to assess whether the agency's decision is within the bounds of reasoned decision-making." he said. Also, the reviewing Court is to "base

its decision on the administrative record and is not generally empowered to conduct a de novo inquiry into the matter being reviewed and to reach its own conclusions based upon such an inquiry." Williams' opinion said. The scope of review of an agency's informal decisionmaking, the kind that occured under the federal statues in this case, is under the arbitrary and

That standard requires that courts must uphold agency action unless it was "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion or otherwise not in accordance with law," according to Williams.

#### 60 Days

The plaintiffs have 60 days following the court's decision to file an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

capricious standard of review. They have indicated that they are considering their options in that regard. In the meantime, the state will likely move forward on the project. It is divided into phases with the first phase of construction occurring in the Shady Grove Metro area and moving eastward. If the project proceeds as planned, completion is not expected until 2010 or later.



# City Information

#### **GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL** November 26, 2007–8:00 p.m. **Regular Meeting-Municipal Building**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations** 

Recycle Right Awards

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### \*Committee Reports

Advisory Committee on Trees, 10/30/2007 Report (Invasive Species Control Policy)

Advisory Planning Board, Report #07-02 (Old Line Bank Site

Community Relations Advisory Board/Public Safety Advisory Committee Joint Report on Public Safety in the Vicinity of Spellman Overpass

#### **LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 19, "Taxation," of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Article I, "In General," for the Purpose of Updating the Article and Establishing a City Homeowner's Property Tax Credit Program Indexed to the State of Maryland's Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program (1st Reading)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- -Award of Purchase Public Works Dump Truck
- -MEMA Grant for Mobile Data Computer Purchase
- -Petition for Vacation of Right-of-Way Greenbelt Station
- -County Bill Liquor Licenses for Greenbelt Station
- -Old Line Bank, Capital Office Park Site Plan -Community Development Block Grant Application – PY34
- -Proposed 2008 Legislative Program
- \*-Employee Special Holiday
- \*-Resignations from Advisory Groups
- \*-Reappointment to Advisory Group

\* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

#### FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for a application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES** Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Planning Board Arts Advisory Board Forest Preserve Advisory Board Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Youth Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, November 26th at 8:00pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, November 27 & 29: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Reverse Mortgages," 7:00pm: "Greenbelt Museum Anniversary Chautauqua" 8:30pm "Replay of Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 28 & 30: 7pm "Town Hall Meeting on Global

#### **MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 19-23**

Monday, November 26th, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEET-ING** at the Municipal Building (live on Channel

Wednesday, November 28th, 8:00pm, **CITY** COUNCIL WORK SES-SION w/GATE Board at the Community Center-GATE Studio.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### **LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE** 2007 - 2008

November 26 – 30: Lake-

wood **December 3 – 7:** Lakeside &

Greenspring I & II December 10 - 14: Boxwood December 17 - 21: Woodland

Hill, Greenbrook Village & Estates December 26 – 28: Lake-

wood, Greenspring I & II December 31 – January 4: Lakeside & Windsor Green January 7 - 11: All areas January 14 - 18: All areas

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#### REMINDER NOTICE FALL GUTTER **CLEANING PROGRAM**

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

#### **WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 26**

Royal Gutter Cleaning and Ned Stevens Gutters of Maryland are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on all GHI homes starting the week of November 26, weather permitting.

The project will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.



#### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

#### LEAF BAGS AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

FREE paper leaf bags will again be available to GHI members at the GHI main office during regular business hours on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOTE: SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS: Bags will be distributed from garage #6 on 3 Court of Eastway Saturday, November 24 from 9 AM - 1:00 PM:

Curbside leaf removal by the City is not available to GHI members. Leaves must be in paper bags or bins labeled YARD WASTE and placed in members' service side yards along with regular trash and recycling materials.



# **Jane Love** Christmas Collection

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### **UMUC Holiday Craft Fair**

Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, 9-4 Lower Level, Conference Center University Blvd. at Adelphi Road Free admission

### Teaching Social Studies Encouraging Goals

by Amy S. Hansen

"Let's hear from the Redskins." Karen Hollis weaves between the desks in her seventh grade social studies class at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). The four-person cluster designated as the Redskins answers that one of Mesopotamia's geographical features is the Mediterranean Sea. "How about from the Mystics?" Four girls raise their hands. Mesopotamia also has the Tigris River.

It's a fast-paced hour and the students stay with her. They race from their warm-up examination of a map, to a bit of group work, to reading and then a discussion of the long-term project due in December. This is not a sit still, be quiet and take notes type of class. There's movement, discussion and enthusiasm.

"This is a 12-hour a day job," Hollis says about teaching. "And I love what I do."

Hollis lives in D.C. and has been a teacher for the last 15 years, though this is her first year teaching at GMS. She went to college at Delaware State University and earned her master's de-



**Karen Hollis** 

gree during summers at Pensacola Christian College in Florida.

She says GMS is a good school, though some of the kids have a hard time at home. This year her largest class is 23 students, she's used to 35-38. "This is easy," she says, referring to the class size this year.

What's not easy is getting her students to see the value of their education. She points out that in ninth grade the students will choose classes they are interested in. She wants them to realize that college is reachable and

choose classes accordingly.

For National Education Week, Hollis has organized her colleagues to help raise the students' awareness of how education is useful. The teachers will have cards with names of various professions and the kind of education needed to get there.

Hollis wants kids to see that college is achievable. "I know you have issues at home but you need to know it can be done," she says. One of her classroom speakers is a high schooler who has earned a full scholarship. She keeps a sweatshirt from her alma mater draped over her chair. "You have to get them to set goals. [College] is a monumental goal but it is possible."

Hollis sets her own goals. "I want to make sure I reach every last one of them. Make sure they don't slip through the cracks." And secondly, she wants to use her classroom to grow independent thinkers and at least potentially do herself out of a job.

"When you don't need me, then I know I've accomplished what I set out to do."

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students, Harris has 90.

These are some of the reasons he keeps coming back. And if these weren't enough, Harris also coaches the GMS football team and mentors kids in the school. He lives in D.C. and is in his third year at Greenbelt Middle.

Born in D.C., Harris moved when he was nine, first to Virginia and then North Carolina. But he returned to D.C. for his high school years, going to Archbishop Carroll, where he was named MVP for his football team. He went to Central State University in Ohio for college, majoring in elementary education and continuing in football. While in college he realized he had to stop playing football. "I couldn't take the physical punishment." But he could teach it. And he started coaching before he finished his bachelor's degree. In January Harris will add a master's degree to his credentials.

Now, after 10 years of teaching and 12 of coaching, he sees parallels between his time in the classroom and on the field. His classroom kids move around the room to study angles. His football players learn geometry as they move on the field. "I get to use a lot of what I use in here out there," he said. "There are a lot of teachable moments."

The biggest challenge is what he calls the uncontrollable variables – "what goes on when the kid leaves the building." So last year he and his colleagues made a move to control those variables a little more. They started a young men's mentoring program

and targeted the boys with serial suspensions. For the 20-25 kids in the club, the suspension rate fell. This year they hope to start a young women's mentoring program and expand the membership to 50-60 kids.

Harris says he's seen positive changes at GMS since he started teaching there. The class sizes are smaller. The rowdiness is down. And he finds that students seek him out to talk, even those who aren't in his classes. Almost unnecessarily he explains: "I really enjoy working with young people."

#### **See Sausage Made At Riversdale**

Restored to reflect the history of Rosalie Stier Calvert's occupancy, Riversdale House Museum offers a glimpse into the early 19th century life of both the owners of the estate and the servants and slaves who worked there. This early Federal house is open on a walk-in basis with guided tours. Open hearth cooking is demonstrated on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

On November 28 watch Riversdale Kitchen Guild members make sausage from scratch. Autumn was the traditional time of year for slaughtering and putting up meat. The sausage-making demonstration will run from noon to 4 p.m. and is included in the regular price of admission.

Riversdale House Museum is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For details call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544.

#### M-NCPPC Festival of Lights Opens Friday

The 21st annual Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Watkins Park Festival of Lights opens to the public this year on Friday, November 23 and runs daily from 5 to 9:30 p.m. through New Year's Day. At Watkins Regional Park in Upper

Marlboro, the show features a drive-through display with more than a million twinkling lights set in animated exhibits located throughout the park. Canned goods donations are accepted for local food banks.

Watkins Regional Park is at 301 Watkins Park Drive.

#### **Reduce Emissions**

Environmental responsibility does not begin and end at the doorstep; green transportation can greatly reduce energy expenditures and carbon emissions from a person's daily routine. Carpool, use public transportation, walk or bike when possible.

- U.S. Green Building Council

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### **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Robberies

November 9, 6:33 p.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, a woman reported that she was walking from a bus stop when a vehicle pulled up alongside her. Four men exited the vehicle, with one demanding her purse. After obtaining the purse all four men got back into their vehicle and fled the scene. The vehicle is described as a red Jeep or a van with Maryland tags.

November 13, 9:57 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a woman reported that she was walking into an apartment building when two men held the door open for her. As she walked through the door, the men pushed her and grabbed the purse from her arm. They ran to a nearby vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 25 years of age with black hair and brown eyes. One was 6'1" to 6'2", 150 to 180 pounds with a dark complexion, wearing a black ski mask; and the other was 5'4" to 5'6" with a light complexion. The vehicle is described as dark in color.

November 14, 5:12 p.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a man reported that he was working on his truck in a parking lot when a vehicle pulled up nearby. Three men exited the vehicle and approached him. One of the men demanded money from him; he then engaged in a fight with the suspect. During the fight one of the other suspects took money from his pants pocket. All three men then ran back to the waiting vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male 21 to 22 years of age, 5'11", 190 pounds, wearing a black head scarf and black clothing; a black male 18 to 21 years of age, 5'10" to 5'11", 170 to 180 pounds with short black hair, wearing a dark shirt and dark pants; and a black male 6'1", 190 to 200 pounds with short hair and a faint mustache, wearing navy blue or black ski-type overalls. The victim refused medical attention for a minor facial injury.

#### Carjacking

November 12, 8:05 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a man reported that he was approached from behind by two men in a parking lot. One of the men displayed a handgun and demanded his vehicle keys and money. The men then entered his vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male 18 to 20 years of age, 5'11" to 6'1", 130 to 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing dark clothing; and a black male 18 to 20 years of age, 5'7" to 5'9", 110 to 130 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion, wearing dark clothing. The vehicle, described as a 1993 Nissan Ouest van, was recovered November 14 in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro Station with no arrests made.

#### Assault

November 14, 10:26 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, two resident men were each arrested and charged with assault and three counts of resisting arrest after police responded to a report of a violent domestic disturbance in a parking lot. As one of the police began a pat down search of one of the men for weapons, the man punched the officer in the face and attempted to flee the area on foot. He was apprehended after a short foot chase but resisted attempts by police to place him in custody. The second man then ran to the scene and assaulted an officer who was assisting in the apprehension of the first man. Both men had to be forcibly taken into custody and were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. Four officers suffered minor injuries during the incident.

#### **Reckless Endangerment**

November 10, 5:38 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was committed for psychiatric evaluation after he allegedly fired several gunshots into a wall inside an apartment. Police originally responded to a call for a possible burglary in progress with shots fired. The man was detained as he was exiting the residence and was taken into custody. As he was being transported he began acting irrationally and became combative. Police then started to transport him to Laurel Regional Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation, at which time he kicked out the rear window of the police cruiser in an attempt to escape. The man had to be forcibly resecured, during which time an officer suffered an injury to her eye. The suspect was released to Laurel Regional Hospital for evaluation. Charges are pending further investigation.

#### **Drug Arrest**

November 9, 4:11 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with three counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, theft, driving an uninsured vehicle, driving an unregistered vehicle and other motor vehicle violations after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to Prince George's County Police. The man was arrested and was found to be in possession of three different controlled prescription medicines that he did not have prescriptions for, as well as paraphernalia commonly used to store crack cocaine. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### Theft

November 13, 2:09 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a manager at Mattress

Discounters reported that he was inside the store counting money when two men entered the store and asked about purchasing a mattress. The manager put the money in an envelope and then placed it in an unsecured file cabinet. The manager proceeded to show one of the men merchandise; the second man stayed behind. A short time later the manager returned to the front of the store and noticed the second man was gone. After the first man also left the store the manager realized that the money had been taken. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'6" to 5'7", 210 to 220 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans; and a black male, 5'11" to 6' with close cropped brown hair, brown eyes and a light complexion.

#### Vandalism

November 11, 3:40 a.m., 4 Court Gardenway, someone used unknown means to break the glass in a front door window of a residence.

#### **Burglaries**

November 12, 10:06 a.m., 14 Court Ridge Road, someone attempted to enter the residence by tampering with the front door lock assembly. Entry was not

November 12,12:36 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, two commercial burglaries were reported.

November 15, 4:03 p.m., Springhill Terrace, someone entered a residence by way of an unsecured front door and removed a personal computer and monitor.

November 15, 6:13 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to force open a sliding glass door. Money was taken.

#### **Vehicle Crimes**

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a black 1998 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Virginia tags AEC7955 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a silver 1990 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 2DNC44 from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a 1996 Nissan Maxima 4-door from the 100 block Westway; a green 1994 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, Maryland tags 87636CA from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; and a maroon 2003 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 673M389 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

There was one vehicle recovered by an outside police department with no arrests made.

Theft from, vandalism to and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 and 7800 blocks Mandan Road (three incidents), 7700 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway (two incidents), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 6000 and 6200 blocks Springhill Drive (two incidents) and 9200 block Springhill Lane.

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Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis gave an overview of some of the things Greenbelt has done to make the city more livable while simultaneously making it more ecologically sound. Number one was creation of the forest preserve and the addition to it of three parcels.

Davis mentioned that Greenbelt's tree canopy is one of the best in the area and that the city has developed a program to maintain and promote the health of this valuable resource.

She also discussed the city's new Public Works building and how difficult it had been to find a contractor who would take on the project using LEED (Leadership in Environmental Engineering Design) construction techniques.

The new Public Works building will have geothermal heating and cooling in addition to recycling the discarded old building materials and, where possible, using other recycled material on the new building.

#### Greenbelt Lake

Davis talked about how Greenbelt Lake is being contaminated by storm water runoff and how all Greenbelters can play a part in keeping it clean, especially by using less fertilizer on their lawns and by cleaning up after pets. In addition she suggested Greenbelters could try walking more or riding bikes. She said the city is going to put bike racks at Roosevelt Center.

Greenbelt has one of the highest recycling rates in the D.C. metro area, nearly 50 percent, but people could do more in terms of the appliances they buy, Davis said.

She said that cleaning up Greenbelt Lake is necessary. While its cost will be significant, the alternative is not acceptable. She also referred to an envisioning process the city will be hosting and asked all Greenbelters to participate.

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts also attended the meeting. Mach indicated that ecological issues ought to be presented at an early age to American students so that ecological thinking becomes ingrained.

Chris Barnet, Ph.D., an atmospheric scientist with NOAA, followed and provided a presentation on global warming and how carbon fuels pollute and destroy the atmosphere and other living things. He used the analogy of a briquette as the solid version of what comes out of a vehicle

If a car burns one gallon of gas getting 30 mpg, it's like tossing a 5-lb. bag of briquettes onto a neighbor's yard that they can't clean up, he said. He also noted that the U.S. represents five percent of the world's population but uses 23 percent of its resources. While China has been taking a bad rap lately, it represents 21 percent of the world population and uses only 14 percent of the world's resources

Barnet said that "cheap oil is what we built this society on." The implication was what might happen when oil is no longer

#### **Senator Pinsky**

Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky, who represents Greenbelt, was in attendance. He had sponsored the Global Warming Solutions Act that focuses on specific emission targets for Maryland to achieve. Pinsky said it will take China 50 years to get to the level of polluting emissions that the U.S. has now.

"We are the problem," he said. "Why is China or India going to sign a pollution agreement if we don't?'

According to data Pinsky presented, California is attempting to reduce emissions by 80 percent of 1990 levels by 2050, New Jersey the same. Maryland has the potential to be the first state in the country to formally legislate action which, when and if California and New Jersey also pass their legislation, other states will likely follow and even the "most intractable" federal government will have to do something, he said.

Professionally written post cards addressed to Governor O'Malley were available recommending support of the Global Warming Solutions Act. All one needed to do was address and sign them and the Sustainable Transportation Society will post them. These cards are available at various locations and from CCAN.

Barnet stated that the oil and energy companies and politicians who represent them "don't mind you if you go to a town meeting, then go home; they can deal with that. You must sustain pressure on them to effect change."

State Delegate Justin Ross said that this is an "incredible, important issue and we have made the turning point." He advocated investing in renewable and green energy technologies. He said he "favors anything that gets us off our national dependence on oil."

#### **Demonstration**

Brad Heavner, state director of Environment Maryland, announced his organization is planning a demonstration in Annapolis on January 17. He said he knows it's in the middle of the week and he knows it's cold in Annapolis and that is the whole point – to show that this is an important issue to the people of Maryland and that he expects the Maryland State Assembly to represent the will of their constituency.

Following the speakers, members of a panel discussion offered some diverse insights. An Aqua Project scientist from NASA told the story of a colleague who monitored his personal fuel/carbon usage for a year, with the goal of reducing his pollution footprint. Then he took one trip to Australia for a conference and found it had destroyed a year's effort of reductions. The point is that scientists who are warning us about carbon emissions while jetting all over the world for conferences are probably not helping the issue.

Cheryl Leahy, general counsel for Compassion over Killing asked the panel to speak to the magnitude of a vegan diet. Ross J. Salawitch, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Maryland, said the two greatest things an individual can do to help the environment are to bike, walk or take mass transit to work and take up a vegetarian or vegan diet.

It's been scientifically shown that a vegan/vegetarian diet uses less land, water, oil and human resources to produce the same amount of food while degrading the environment less, he said. Ironically this component of reducing emissions is often left out of many solutions.

The overriding message was to take action, write a letter, send a postcard, make a phone call, participate and get out from in front of the TV. The participants were asked to speak up and make their voices heard.

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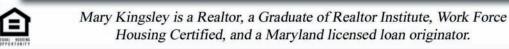
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Saturday 12/01, 8am to 11am Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 Open to all ages

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Mon., 12/31, 7pm till after midnight Open to all ages Advance sales: \$5. At the door: \$7 Children 5 and under: FREE

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#### Warm-up: Community Campfire @ The Skatepark Plaza

From 6:15 to 6:45pm, the Greenbelt Girl Community Center. Scouts will host a campfire and sing-along, Free with event wristband. See and hear featuring folksinger Melissa Sites. Free Hot more of the artist's inventions amid other-Cider and S'mores will be served.



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Juried Art and Craft Fair 11am to 4pm

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# Children & Family

Holiday Lights Concert Sunday 12/16 beginning at 3pm Community Center Gym

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Under the direction of Jean Cook and Chris Fominaya members of many churches and the community form the Combined Choir to perform traditional and contemporary Christmas music.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Community Church

#### New Deal Café Art Auction Sunday, 12/2 from 7pm to 9pm New Deal Café

To participate or for more information contact Kristin Stenson at newdealcafeart@yahoo.

Hosted by: Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and the New Deal Café

#### Fun Run & Walk—Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5k

Saturday 12/01, 8am Pre-Registration Fee: \$20 Day of Registration Fee: \$25

Check In: 7am to 7:45am / Youth Center Come and run in the Fourth Annual Wright Stuff 5K. Runners and walkers will enjoy a route through scenic Greenbelt. Information: Austin Conaty / 301.982.9246 www.pgrc.org Hosted by: The Prince George's Running

#### Poster Contest

Age Categories: 1st-3rd Grade, 4th-6th Grade and 7th-8th Grade

Contestants can submit posters on the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." Posters are due at St. Hugh's School on November 28. They will be displayed in Grenoble Hall on December 1 and 2. Contest rules are available at St. Hugh's School. Information: Larry Yore at 301-552-2446. Hosted by St. Hugh's Church Knights of Columbus

Breakfast with Santa Saturday 12/15, 10am to Noon Greenbriar Terrace Room / FREE

Greenbriar's children of all ages are welcome to come have breakfast with Santa. Information: 301.441.1096

### Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Sunday 12/9, 6pm Greenbriar Community Building Open to all ages / FREE

Enjoy carols and hot chocolate as Greenbriar's tree is lighted. Information: 301.441.1096

### 2008 Winter Brochure

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's seasonal brochure will be available soon. Take a gander at the fantastic programs, services and facilities we have to offer! Available at www.greenbeltmd.gov